



Michigan Fertility Alliance

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House Judiciary Committee

124 North Capitol Avenue

Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Chair Breen, Vice Chair Edwards, Vice Chair Fink, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Michigan Fertility Alliance, I am writing to urge your support of the Michigan Family Protection Act.

Michigan Fertility Alliance, founded in 2019, is a grassroots movement of over 100 advocates. We have been working to educate and bring awareness to issues around infertility, surrogacy and protection of parentage rights for children born via assisted reproduction in the Great Lakes state.

Over 300,000 Michiganders who want to have children can't. The inability to conceive a child naturally affects citizens physically, emotionally and financially, and is crippling for individuals and families whose only option is seeking fertility treatment to grow a family.

Michigan's parentage laws are in the dark ages and it's time to act now to pass new legislation that protects children and families.

The Michigan Family Protection Act will provide legal clarity and protections for children, parents, and those acting as surrogates. A secure parent-child legal relationship is core to a child's well-being because so many rights such as medical care, education, social security, and others flow from this legal status. Michigan parents and families of all kinds, should not have to adopt their own children, and children should not be in legal jeopardy while their parents fight for their legal custody.

For these reasons, and for all the children who have been and are currently affected by this lack of clarity, I urge you to support the bill.

Please feel free to contact me or Ginanne Brownell (gbrownell@gmail.com), our media liaison, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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